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Noting that the provision of child care services has become an increasingly important part of early childhood education, this volume addresses issues associated with the increased acceptance and use of child care by American families and the way that child care is provided in the United States. The 11 chapters on child care issues are: (1) "Child Care 2000: Five Trends Shaping the Future for Early Childhood Centers" (Roger Neugebauer); (2) "Historical Overview of Child Care" (Alice Sterling Honig); (3) "Child Outcomes of Child Care Programs" (Carollee Howes); (4) "Family-Centered Child Care" (Ellen Galinsky and Bernice Weissbourd); (5) "Meeting the Needs of Special Populations in Child Care" (K. Eileen Allen); (6) "Caring for Children in a Diverse World" (Patricia G. Ramsey); (7) "Family Day Care: The 'Other' Form of Care" (Susan Kontos); (8) "Before- and After-School Child Care for Elementary School Children" (Michelle Seligson and Ellen Gannett, with Lillian Cotlin); (9) "Staffing Issues in Child Care" (Paula Jorde Bloom); (10) "Designing Settings To Support High-Quality Child Care" (Thelma Harms); and (11) "Child Care: A Look To the Future" (Bernard Spodek and Olivia N. Saracho). Each chapter includes references. (TJQ)

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